

## **Special Education Subcommittee Meeting**

Monday January 12, 1:00pm-3:30pm  
Ounce of Prevention Fund  
33 W. Monroe, Suite 2400, Dearborn Meeting Room  
Chicago, IL 60603

**Members Participating:** Karen Berman, Kyrsten Brown, Bernadette Laumann, Emily Dorsey, Ann Kramer, Kathy Slattery, Lynn Barts, Nicole Cato, Donna Nylander, Ann Freiburg, Margaret Harkness, Pam Reising Rechner

### **I. Welcome and Introductions**

Karen Berman, Ounce of Prevention Fund, welcomed participants. Participants introduced themselves to the room.

### **II. Approve Minutes from 11/3/14 Meeting**

Karen Berman asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Lynn Barts made a motion to approve and Bernadette Laumann seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **III. Award of Excellence Update**

Karen Berman provided an update on the Award of Excellence for Inclusion. The AoE is scheduled to be ready for implementation by February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

### **IV. MOUs and Guiding Questions Document Update**

Karen Berman presented the guiding document for the Memoranda of Understanding and asked for comments from the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members discussed adding consent forms as exhibits to the MOU between Local Education Agencies and Early Care and Education programs. Lynn Barts and Ann Freiburg agreed to send these forms to be added to the MOU.

### **V. Updates on *One of Us* Research**

Kyrsten Brown presented notes on the One of Us book and asked for feedback from the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee agreed that the book needs to be updated and made more accessible, possibly by converting it to an online resource. Ann Kramer indicated that the LRE Stakeholders Consortium is talking about taking on this project. The Subcommittee agreed not to take this project on at this time.

### **VI. Updates on work happening in other places**

Lynn Barts and Ann Freiburg gave an update on two videos that are being produced: one showing how Early Intervention services are delivered effectively in Childcare and Early Childhood Education and another to help parents understand what Early Intervention would look like in their home. The first video will be completed in time for the MOU.

## **VII. Next Steps**

Karen Berman facilitated a discussion on next steps for the Subcommittee. Suggestions included:

- Researching Race to the Top requirements to determine whether or not ExceleRate is required to include Part b classrooms in quality assessments. Kyrsten Brown will follow up to determine the RTTT requirements and the Subcommittee will decide whether to proceed with addressing this need depending on the findings.
- Research the possibility of using extended ISFPs. Members of the Subcommittee will research other states that are using extended ISFPs and report back to the Subcommittee.